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TBCE Lowers Fees Effective 11/25/15

Have you seen the new *Schedule of Fees*?

You may be on our list for a refund! We will be systematically issuing refunds for ALL overpayments received after November 25, 2015. See the *Schedule of Fees* below and watch your mailbox for a check.

NOTE: Texas Online is working to implement the new fee schedule so that renewals can be processed online, but until the changes take effect, please download [the revised forms](#) from the [TBCE website](#), remit your payment by cashier's check or money order and send by mail.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

| Fee Description | Before | Now |
|--|------------|------------|
| DC License - Application includes \$50 transcript verification | 208 | \$200 |
| DC License - Repeat Jurisprudence Examination | 148 | \$100 |
| DC License - Initial (Prorated) | 153 | \$120 |
| DC License - Renewal, On Time | 162 | \$150 |
| DC License - Renewal, Late under 90 days | 229.50 | \$217.50 |
| DC License - Renewal, Late 90 days to 1 year | 297 | \$285 |
| DC License - Renewal, Late up to 3 years for good cause | Calculated | Calculated |
| DC License - Reinstatement (practiced in another state) | 148 | \$145 |
| DC License - Inactive License Processing | 80 | \$0 |
| DC License - Reactivate from Inactive | 162 | \$150 |
| DC License - Duplicate copy of wall certificate | 25 | \$25 |
| DC License - Duplicate copy of pocket-sized certificate | 10 | \$10 |
| College Faculty DC License - Application and Initial | 150 | \$75 |
| College Faculty DC License - Renewal | | \$75 |
| Facility Registration - Application and Initial Registration | 80 | \$55 |
| Facility Registration - Renewal, On Time | 73 | \$65 |
| Facility Registration - Renewal, Late under 90 days | 125 | \$117 |
| Facility Registration - Renewal, Late 90 days to 1 year | 176 | \$168 |
| Facility Registration - Duplicate copy of wall certificate | 10 | \$25 |
| Radiologic Technician Registration - Initial | 35 | \$35 |
| Radiologic Technician Registration - Renewal | 36 | \$36 |
| Radiologic Technician Registration - Renewal, Late | 61 | \$61 |
| Continuing Education Course Annual Approval | 200 | \$100 |
| Online Jurisprudence Continuing Education Course | | \$55 |
| Certification of DC license to another state board (Letter of | 25 | \$25 |
| Criminal history letter fee (Declaratory order of eligibility) | 150 | \$150 |
| Printed copy of statutes and rules | 10 | \$10 |
| Returned check fee | 25 | \$25 |

To see a schedule online as well as the revised forms, please visit:
<https://www.tbce.state.tx.us/>



Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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Message from the Executive Director



Happy New Year! I appreciate the welcome that I have received from many of you. In 2016 the agency is going to focus on customer service, education and quality training for our licensees. It is very important to me and the staff that our licensees understand our rules and processes so they can focus their efforts on caring for the citizens of Texas.

The focus of our newsletters will be to give you timely information so that you can stay abreast of things happening in and around TBCE. The agency has four Board meetings throughout the year, so sending the newsletter after meetings will ensure that you get current updates on Board activities and initiatives. We will also publish additional issues with special topics of interest such as rule proposals for your comments, outreach and education.

On November 25, 2015, our new fee schedule, which lowered many of the fees paid by licensees, went into effect. These were lowered in addition to the \$200 reduction in the licensure fee approved by the legislature (effective September 1, 2015). We believe that lowering fees when possible keeps us responsible as stewards of your money. Hopefully you have a current email address on file with us so we can contact you about special topics and information. "Just in time" communications are critical so that you will have what you need to stay in compliance with rules and regulations.

We are making improvements to our website, so check back from time to time (and open our e-mails) so you won't miss important notices useful to you and your patients. We promise not to fill up your in-box! If there is anything you think would be helpful to add to our site or newsletter, please email and let us know.

By April of 2016, TBCE will be meeting with the Sunset Commission staff in preparation for the review. The purpose of a Sunset review is to look at the needs and performance of state agencies. Later in the year we will add information to our website and send e-mails to tell you how you can participate in this important process.

Again, thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to working with you in 2016.

Patricia Gilbert, Executive Director

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Effective January 1, 2016, you can now obtain more credit for online courses! Up to, but no more than ten (10) hours may be obtained through online courses. A webinar and/or teleseminar is considered a LIVE course as it is real time and interactive.

Required Continuing Ed Courses

A licensee must complete sixteen (16) hours of approved continuing education (CE) each renewal cycle; four (4) of which are in Board-required topics and a one-time eight (8) hour requirement for Medicare.

Required Medicare Courses

Licensees initially licensed **before** September 1, 2012 were required to complete the one-time eight (8) hour Medicare requirement in calendar year 2011 or 2012. Licensees licensed on or **after** September 1, 2012 must complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education in coding and documentation for Medicare claims **no later than their second renewal period**.

The Board-required topics include a minimum of three (3) hours specifically related to the Board's rules including the Board's code of ethics, recordkeeping, documentation and coding and a minimum of one (1) hour of risk management that relates to the practice of chiropractic in Texas.

These required hours **cannot be taken online**, unless the course is offered directly from the TBCE.

Where Can I Find TBCE Approved Continuing Education Courses?

The sixteen (16) hours of approved continuing education may be completed at any course or seminar chosen by the licensee, as long as the course or seminar has been approved by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

All approved courses can be found on our website at <http://www.tbce.state.tx.us> at the link, [Approved Continuing Education](#). If the course contains the four (4) Board-required hours and/or the Medicare hours, it will state so in **bold, red letters** under the course name.

Agency Licensing & Registration Information through 12/31/15



| Number of Chiropractic Doctors | |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Active License | 5139 |
| CE-Conditional License | 338 |
| Expired License | 253 |
| Inactive License | 595 |
| Non-Renewable License* | 2522 |
| Probated License | 17 |
| Suspended License | 3 |
| | |

| Number of Chiropractic Facilities | |
|--|------|
| Active Registration | 4182 |
| Expired Registration | 234 |
| * Includes license expiration after one year, closure at DC's request or closure for non-compliance with CE. | |
| Number of Radiologic Technologists | |
| Active Registration | 52 |
| Expired Registration | 54 |

Compliance with Your Board Order - by Patricia Gilbert

TBCE 2016- [REDACTED]

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| IN THE MATTER OF | § § § § § | BEFORE THE |
| [REDACTED] D.C. | | TEXAS BOARD OF |
| LICENSE NO. 0000 | | CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS |

AGREED FINAL ORDER

On this [REDACTED], the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of [REDACTED] D.C., Respondent.

This agreed order is executed pursuant to the authority of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), Texas Government Code § 2001.056, which authorizes the informal disposition of contested cases. In a desire to conclude this matter without further delay and expense, the Board and Respondent agree to resolve this matter

It has become clear that there is a need to educate our licensees when he/she receives a sanction such as a fine. Most of the time, the fine is paid on time and in total. However, there are some occasions when a licensee finds that they are now the subject of subsequent enforcement action for failure to comply with the Board order.

Whether your Board order includes the payment of fines, training, medical evaluations, or testing, a TBCE compliance investigator will be in contact with you to make sure you understand the terms of the order and to be sure that the licensee or facility owner is prepared to comply with the sanctions in the order.

The investigator will review the order with you, get current contact information and determine when additional contacts with you should be

made in order to keep you on track and meeting the conditions of the order. The investigator can be a valuable resource and is your point-of-contact with the TBCE. When the agency cannot contact you for any reason or when payments or other conditions are not met, the investigators' only recourse is to refer the licensee to enforcement for further disciplinary action. Failure to comply with your order can result in additional action including suspension or revocation of your license.

If you get behind in your payment of fines or other conditions of your order, please do not wait for us to contact you. We want to help you comply and stay in good standing with the agency. You have a responsibility to your patients and to the TBCE. ♦

TBCE Board Meeting Schedule

Hobby Building,
Tower 2, Room 225

- February 18, 2016
(1:00 pm)
- May 17, 2016
(1:00 pm)
- August 18, 2016
(1:00 pm)
- November 17, 2016
(1:00 pm)

TBCE Holidays

The offices of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners will be closed in observance of the following holidays:



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 18, 2016



President's Day
Monday, February 15, 2016

TBCE Welcomes New DC Licensees

Issued October through December 2015

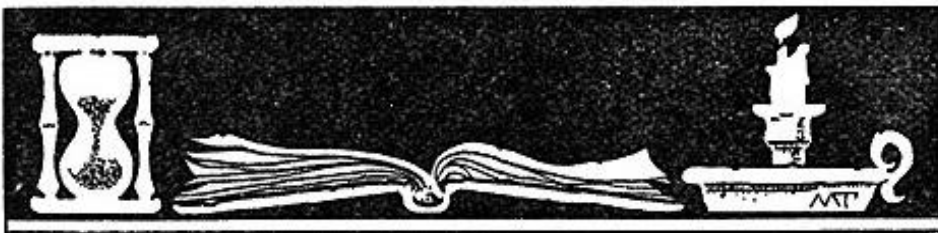
Ajay Abraham
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Kristina Behnke
Adam Bohnenblust
Anthony Branker
Christina Brasher
Jarrett Browning
David Bynum
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Cody Davis
Aliena Davis
Nicholas Deflumeri
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DThomas Forrest
Prentisha Hamilton
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Jacob Stutz
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Irene Wabomnor
Yuwei Zhang
Ammon Zukeran

REINSTATEMENTS

Christopher Fowler
Joseph Kim
Alicia Borne-Nusom



Did you know that you can keep up with rules that the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners (TBCE) has proposed or adopted online? The TBCE uploads all proposed and adopted rules onto our homepage at www.tbce.state.tx.us under the "[Rules-Recent & Proposed Changes](#)" link. Additionally, you can view current rules from the Secretary of State website, which is linked to our homepage under the "[Statutes and Rules](#)" link. All proposed and adopted rules are published in the *Texas Register*.

Texas Register current and past issues are available here: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtm>. If you'd like to be notified by email whenever the TBCE proposed, adopts or withdraws a rule or schedules an open meeting, you can contact the Texas Register at 512-463-5561 or register@sos.state.tx.us. We encourage all licensees to monitor proposed rules published in the *Texas Register* and to regularly comment on these proposed rules. Comments must be in writing and sent to the Executive Director via mail or email rules@tbce.state.tx.us within the specified time period.

[Board Rule 75.1](#) requires licensees to maintain a current physical home and business address with the Board.



PLEASE NOTE that submitting a change of address through Texas Online when completing a license or registration renewal will **NOT** change your address with the TBCE. Unfortunately, we do not receive notice of those changes from Texas Online. You must also fill out a [change of address form](#) and mail/fax to us.

Texas Chiropractic Board Report Memorials

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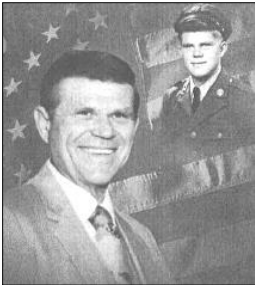
emorials are published at no cost as a tribute to deceased Texas Doctors of Chiropractic. Information included is primarily related to the individual's accomplishments in the chiropractic profession. To submit a memorial, please email tbce@tbce.state.tx.us or call (512) 305-6906 for more information.



Dr. Lisa Barnett, 45, Blanco, died on December 17, 2015. She received her degree from Texas Chiropractic College in 2001. During the Memorial Day floods, she provided free care for volunteers which included cadaver dogs.



Dr. John Simon Massare, died on December 7, 2015. John received his doctorate at Life Chiropractic College in Atlanta, and finished his education at Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, Texas. Upon graduation, Dr. John worked at Hatmaker Chiropractic from 2004-2012.



Dr. Leroy Elsik, 87, of Seguin, died on January 1, 2016. Dr. Elsik attended Texas Chiropractic College and practiced chiropractic care for 59 years. He served on the Board of Regents at TCC and was Chairman of the Board for several years.



Dr. Donald McPearson, Jr., died on August 6, 2015. Dr. McPearson was a chiropractor who mentored over 500 DCs during their years at TCC in Pasadena. He practiced Chiropractic until he retired in 2010 and was a member of many organizations.



Dr. Cyril C. Hermes, 78, of Lake Dallas, Texas, died on August 2, 2015. Cyril earned his Doctorate of Chiropractic Degree from Texas Chiropractic College in Houston Texas. He and his wife opened a Chiropractic Office in Lake Dallas Texas. Cyril, was a Chiropractor for 36 years.



Dr. Erich John Snyder, 36, of Carterville, Illinois passed away on Monday, August 10, 2015, along with his father. He graduated from TX Chiropractic College. Dr. Snyder owned Carterville Chiropractic was well known for the flower garden in front of his business.



Dr. Timothy Joseph Lee, died on December 12, 2015. He worked at TCC for many years as an instructor and clinic attending doctor. For the last five years he was in private practice in Houston.

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